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1 MS. MOYLE: I'm not a public speaker, but I am vehemently opposed to having these materials brought not only through St. Louis, but through the entire state of Missouri and across the entire United States because, believe me, it's not just us here in St. Louis or rural Missouri or Kansas City, it is every citizen in this country that is involved in an issue of this magnitude. I came here today to be informed. I've learned a lot. I certainly have not been reassured.

I'm of the generation -- and I'm just speaking off the top of my head, but I'm of the generation that grew up with the idea that their government would protect them. When I was in college, I remember a lot of the young men -- at that time women I think weren't quite thinking of it -- but a lot of the young men wanted to go into the diplomatic service because they felt they could go anywhere in the world and if they were an American, they were protected by their government. Well, that ain't necessarily so, I'm sorry to say, and certainly it's not just anywhere in the world, but shouldn't we be protected in our own country, in our own city, in our own home?

2 I am convinced that if the media had done their job in really advertising this meeting today, this room  
3 would not have been able to hold the number of concerned citizens. And I hope everyone that's here will go home and tell everyone that they know what has ensued here, what they have learned about this. I am dismayed because somehow -- I don't want my government to do my thinking for me. I don't want them to come into my personal life and make my decisions for me, but by-golly I expect my government and its agencies to protect me; to protect me, to protect my home and to protect my children's future. Now, if I have any time left, I want to accede it to anyone who is as opposed to this transportation of hazardous materials as I am. Thank you.